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SUBJ: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING NO. 149, SEPT 12, 1977
(SALT TWO -1381)

1. PRIOR TO MEETING, SOVIETS HANDED OVER NON-PAPER
WITH SUGGESTIONS FOR BLENDING US PRINCIPLES AND SOVIET
GUIDELINES INTO SINGLE JOINT STATEMENT WITH SOME INTER-
NAL BRACKETS. SOVIET-PROPOSED BLENDING WOULD CHANGE SUB-
STANCE OF MANY US PROPOSALS.

2. DURING MEETING, US TABLED NEW LANGUAGE FOR
ARTICLE II.1 AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT. 1. INTERCON-
TINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE (ICBM) LAUNCHERS ARE ALL
LAND-BASED LAUNCHERS OF THE TYPES DEVELOPED AND TESTED
FOR LAUNCHING BALLISTIC MISSILES CAPABLE OF A RANGE IN
EXCESS OF THE SHORTEST DISTANCE BETWEEN THE NORTHEASTERN
BORDER OF THE CONTINENTAL PART OF THE TERRITORY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE NORTHWESTERN BORDER OF
THE CONTINENTAL PART OF THE TERRITORY OF THE UNION OF
SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, THAT IS, A RANGE IN EXCESS OF
5,500 KILOMETERS. END TEXT.

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3. US ALSO TABLED LANGUAGE FOR ASSOCIATED AGREED STATE-
MENT, AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT. THE PARTIES AGREE THAT IF
A LAUNCHER HAS, SINCE MAY 26, 1972, CONTAINED OR LAUNCHED
AN ICBM, ALL LAUNCHERS OF THAT TYPE WILL BE CONSIDERED
TO HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED AND TESTED FOR LAUNCHING ICBMS.
END TEXT.

4. US STATED THAT THESE CHANGES WOULD MAKE PARA 1 OF ARTICLE II CONSISTENT WITH PARA 5, BUT SOVIETS OBJECTED IN PRINCIPLE TO REVISIONS IN LANGUAGE ALREADY AGREED AND REMINDED US OF LINKAGE TO OTHER ISSUES OUTLINED IN SOVIET FOOTNOTE TO ARTICLE II.1. IN RESPONSE TO SOVIET QUESTIONS REGARDING MAY 26, 1972, DATE, MCNEILL SAID SOVIETS SHOULD REFER TO US PLENARY STATEMENT OF OCT 13, 1976.

5. IN RESPONSE TO SOVIET PROPOSALS OF SEPT 8 REGARDING BRACKETED PORTIONS OF PREAMBLE TO JOINT STATEMENT (SALT TWO-1388), US TABLED CHANGES IN PREAMBLE, BRINGING IT INTO LINE WITH COMPARABLE LANGUAGE OF JDT PREAMBLE. BEGIN TEXT. REAFFIRMING THAT THE STRENGTHENING OF STRATEGIC STABILITY MEETS THE INTERESTS OF THE PARTIES AND THE INTERESTS OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, CONVINCED THAT EARLY AGREEMENT ON THE FURTHER LIMITATION AND FURTHER REDUCTION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS WOULD SERVE TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND TO REDUCE THE RISK OF OUTBREAK OF NUCLEAR WAR, END TEXT.

6. SOVIETS TABLED NEW LANGUAGE FOR SUBPARA 2(C) OF ARTICLE XVIII, INCORPORATING LANGUAGE FROM US PROPOSED NEW SUBPARA 2(D). BEGIN TEXT. 2(C) CONSIDER QUESTIONS INVOLVING UNINTENDED INTERFERENCE WITH NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS OF VERIFICATION, AND UNINTENDED IMPEDING OF VERIFICATION BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT; END TEXT.

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CAL MEANS OF VERIFICATION, AND UNINTENDED IMPEDING OF VERIFICATION BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT; END TEXT.

7. SOVIETS TABLED ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE FOR COMMON UNDERSTANDING TO ARTICLE XVI.3, DROPPING AS "EDITORIAL CHANGE" THE US PROPOSED PHRASE ""AND TO DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURES ASSOCIATED WITH TESTING." (SALT TWO -1385) BEGIN TEXT. THE SIDES AGREE THAT THE NEGOTIATING RECORD REFLECTS THE COMMON UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE XVI AND THE FIRST AGREED STATEMENT THERETO APPLY TO CALL PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT, INCLUDING PROVISIONS ASSOCIATED WITH TESTING. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE OBLIGATION NOT TO USE DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURES, PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE XVI, INCLUDES THE OBLIGATION NOT TO USE MEASURES AIMED AT CONCEALING THE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN ICBMS AND LAUNCHERS DURING TESTING. END TEXT. IN TAKING SOVIET PROPOSAL UNDER ADVISEMENT, US OFFERED NO IMMEDIATE REACTION TO LANGUAGE, BUT REMINDED SOVIETS THAT US PROPOSED CHANGES TO ARTICLE XVI WERE ALL PART OF ONE OVERALL PROPOSAL. EARLE

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